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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C.,

June 16, 1880.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to imposing a charge of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce upon certain Mexican Dollars delivered by Julius Wolker & Co. of New York in fulfillment of a contract for 10,000 ounces of fine silver at \$1.154³ per ounce. I have to say that the circular inviting Bids for sale of silver contained the following clause, viz:

"When the bullion purchased is of a character to require parting or refining, the usual mint charges for those operations will be paid by the seller."

Under this clause you clearly have the right to impose the charge stated

in your letter, and dealers will be notified today that hereafter deliveries of Mexican Dollars upon purchases of fine silver made by the Department will be liable to a charge for refining.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Prister
Acting Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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ex Silver, Dept is
right in making a
parting & repining charge
on bad Silver sold
by Julius & Holt for

Rec^d June 17th 1880.

[Abstract:] Under the circular inviting sales of silver... 561

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Treasury Department,
Office of the Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.,
June 16, 1880

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to imposing a charge of 1 ½ cents per ounce upon certain Mexican Dollars delivered by Julius Molter & Co. of New York in fulfillment of a contract for 10,000 ounces of fine silver at \$1.1543 per ounce. I have to say that the circular inviting Bids for sale of silver contained the following clause, viz:

“When the bullion purchased is of a character to require parting or refining, the usual mint charges for those operations will be paid by the seller.”

Under this clause you clearly have the right to impose the charge stated in your letter, and dealers will be notified to-day that hereafter deliveries of Mexican Dollars upon purchase of fine silver made by the Department will be liable to a charge for refining.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston
Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.